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**PATENT**

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**Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)**

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In re Application of: Johann J. Neisz Robert E. Lund Kimberly A. Anderson Vicki R. Vandersloot Terence M. Moore Mark S. Bouchier Randy L. Morningstar Gary A. Rocheleau	Anticipated Group Art Unit: 3736
Serial No.: Unknown	Anticipated Examiner: Samuel Gilbert
Filed: September 30, 2003	
For: Surgical Articles and Methods	

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

- ☒ continuation  
☐ continuation-in-part  
☐ divisional

application of pending prior Application No. 10/280,945, filed on October 25, 2002.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of i) the specification and claims as originally filed, ii) the original drawings (38 sheets), and iii) the latest signed oath or declaration filed in the prior application. The undersigned attorney hereby verifies that these papers are true copies. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. ☒ Enclosed are 38 sheet(s) of original drawings..
5. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/280,945, filed October 25, 2002, which was a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/005,837 filed on November 9, 2001 (the '837 application), which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/917,443 filed July 27, 2001, and 09/917,562 filed July 27, 2001; the '837 application was a non-provisional of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/263,472, filed January 23, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/269,829, filed February 20, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/281,350, filed April 4, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/295,068, filed June 1, 2001, and Provisional Application No. 60/306,915, filed July 20, 2001.

7. ☒ Please cancel claims 2-42.

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8. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
9. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

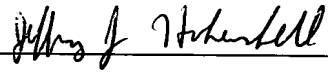
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10. ☒ Please charge to Deposit Account 501921 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to file this case and to keep it pending during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary it is hereby requested. A copy of this transmittal letter for fee processing is enclosed.
11. Assignments  
☒ are of record in a prior application and at reel/frame number 012307/0415.  
☐ to is enclosed along with a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
12. ☐ A power of attorney is enclosed.
13. ☒ Enclosed is a return receipt postcard.
14. ☒ Please send all correspondence to:  
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